CURIOSITIES IN NAMES. Derivation of Many Common English

Feminine Appellations. Among the many interesting features connected with the old Indian names of the American continent, there is none more curious and remarkable than the fact that many of our common English appellations-especially names of females-are discoverable in the ancient titles of the red men. And at the same time it is known also that the occurrence is not the result of any effort on the part of the aborigines of the country geographical titles.

can rivers, as in Fluv-anna and Rivnah-hatchie, of Georgia. (Hannah- and down the city's streets. hatchie means the Hannah riveris abbreviated as on and en. In Arabic | they went. it is either auna or ain.

in many Indian names of waters. Sal-Georgia. Sara is the old native name New York name Saranac, or, as properly written, Saranacca, for our forefathers, not content with suppressing the red man himself, suppressed much of his language-especially the final vowel sounds in the names-as these finals were supposed to be but a superfluous guttural of the savage tongue. This old Indian name Saranacea is precisely the same word which the ancients had for the Ægean sea-Saronica-in Latin feminine. Sara is also an ancient old world word for river. The modern Arabic sur, suhr or shur is a corruption of the true word, which has gone also into the English name Surrey. But few persons are aware of the fact that Sallie is simply an oriental pronunciation of the word we write Sarah. The Chinese especially reject the sounds of r in all words. using the sounds of 1. Many people all over the world find it difficult to enunciate the letter r. Such people almost invariably use 1 in the interchange. The old natives of the Sandwich islands are unable to even hear the sound of r when uttered on other tongues. The languages of both China and the Sandwich islands have no r. Many of our old Indian tribes rejected the sound of r. using I instead. The two letters appear to be used interchangeably in many languages, both ancient and modern. And hence our name Mary is sometimes expressed naturally as Mah-ly, or, as we write the word. Mollie. There are numerous other interchanges that are common and universal in languages. The labials-the letters sounded in the closing of the lips-b, m, p, f, v,-are subject to many curious interchanges, and hence the corruption of Polly for Mollie or Mary; and hence, also, the corruption of Patty

The name Patsy is in the Indian appellation Patsaliga, a river in Alabama. Mattie is in Mattapony of Virginia, and Mattawamkeag, of Maine. Mollie is in the word Guata-maula, in Central America. The nearest approach we have to Mary is in Maricabo, of South America, and Mariposa, of California. The word Mariposa is said to signify "Butterfly river." It is the Indian name of a beautiful water in the Sierra Nevada mountains. The term Mare is also ancient Latin for the sea.

for Mattie, or Patsy for Martha.

The name Lucy is heard in several Indian appellations of waters, as in Lousahatchie, of Tennessee. Lousa is a word used for river names in many tongues. In Russia it is spelled Looza. and the Central African explorers write

it Luza or Louza. Our sweet name Ella is in the pure Indian word Ellijay-a river of Georgia. Sue is in many names, as in Sioux (Soo), Suwanee and Suisun (Soosoon, of California).

Callie is in Calaqua, or Chalaqua, which is the ancient Cherokee appellation of the Tennessee river-the word corrupted, also, into Kallamuckee. Chalaqua is the true original of the word "Cherokee" itself-the Cherokee Indians rejecting the sounds of r in their dialect. Kalla is in our name Kal-

The name Winnee is in many Indian appellations-as in Winnebago, Winnemuckee and others. The term "muckee," seen in this last (Nevada) name, and in the Tennessee title, Kallamuckee, means in the Indian "big water." The Winnemckee is a beautiful lake lying just east of the Sierra Nevada mountains. It is famous for its salmon or wine-colored fish, the term "winnee" signifying in the old Indian, "wine-colored," or tinged with color. Winnee is the aboriginal name of a river in South Carolina, its waters so darkly tinged that it is now commonly called the Black river.

Minnie, a popular female name, is said to be a term in the Sioux dialect for water. It is in many of the northwestern names of waters-as Minnehaha, Minnetonqua, Minnesota, etc. Many other names are reproduced in

the Indian. Willacoochee is a river in Florida. Tombeckbee is the Indian of a river in Alabama, now commonly called Tombigbee. Toma-lis-oo was one of the aboriginal names of the Mississippi river, and Tomba is a river in China. A hundred other illustrations would not exhaust the subject .- M. V. Moore, in Detroit Free Press.

A Sensitive Tenant.

Indignant Landlord-If you don't pay gage. You haven't paid months.

Delinquent Tenant-Don't do that. I'll be disgraced in the eyes of the neighbors. Rather than have you fire | kind and sympathetic actions, to think | Percy turned his eyes towards her and me out. I'd stand your raising the rent | she must have some greater regard than in the same moment gave the man he in future." from \$20 to \$30 a month.—Texas Sift- friendship for him, and assumed the in- held a powerful twist which brought

Wasting Life.

Ponsonby-You look very lugubrious, old man. Popinjay-I feel so, dear Pon. My life is ebbing away. This watch loses

over seventeen days in seventy years.

Jewelers' Circular.

AVENCED AT LAST;

Or, a World-Wide Chase.

A STORY OF RETRIBUTION.

BY "WABASH." [COPYRIGHT, 1800.]

CHAPTER XIX.-CONTINUED. These and similar thoughts crowded Percy's brain as they sailed through the heavy mist hanging over the Mersey to the Liverpool docks. Resting in the great sea-port but a few hours, he went direct to London. One might have supposed that he would have sought the home of his childhood; but that had to reproduce the English or European | but one present purpose to fulfill; and long lost all charm for him. He had words or to insert them knowingly in in importance it seemed to him paramount to all others.

We find, for instance, the name Anna . He arrived in London about two days in the aboriginal titles of many Ameriater Mr. Emerick; yet, although at times they were not much more than He listened attentively and asked: anna, in Virginia. The same term in arm's length apart, they never conaspirate form, as Hannah, is in Susque- fronted each other in the crowded hannah, of Pennsylvania, and in Han- streams of human life which surged up

Mrs. Delaro and Armida also returned hatchie being a term in many of the ab- to London about the same time. original southern dialects for river.) Eugene Bregy lost no time in calling The term as Anna is found in many In- on them, and they expressed much dedian names of waters-sometimes in light at seeing him; while he, on his I know will be this: you had better mother great pleasure, but which would the pronunciations, as aw-nee or wau- part, was overjoyed beyond measure. nee, as in Lackawannah or Suwanee. and seemed so pleased that he acted al-Aunee or Auna is a term found in sev- most foolishly. He at once made himeral of the old Semitic languages for self exceedingly familiar and insisted stream or fountain. In the Hebrew it on accompanying the ladies everywhere

Finding that he would have no oppor-Our names Sarah and Sallie are found tunity of speaking to Armida in private while in the busy, noisy city, amid the lacoi, or Sallaquov, is in Tennessee and incessant din of business, pleasureseekers and callers, Eugene invited her of a bayou in Louisiana. Sara is in the to take a trip with him as far as Richmond.

This beautiful spot was looking its best. In true English fashion they went to the "Star and Garter." the most fashionable hotel in the place, and partook of tea served in the conventional manner, with cold meats, chickens, salads, watercresses, etc.

Afterwards they walked up the hill to the park, and there, while sitting on the grass in a place where they could obtain a fine view of that exquisite bit of valley scenery, they commenced to

talk. Armida seemed as though she could not take her eyes from the sight which lay before her. It was not rugged or romantic, such as Armida bad known in | main on friendly terms so that he might her own country-it was purely English -a grassy valley along which flowed the Thames, hemmed in by sloping hillsides covered with parks and ancient forests. She thought it was the most | cle. like a silver ribbon. On the sides of the Sues, and the surface of the river was flecked with little pleasure craft, whose gay-colored canopies added to the brightness, if not the grandeur, of the scene. Now and then a few bars of a sprightly catch or glee would be wafted upon the | ached. gentle breeze from the pleasure-seekers on the water below. Eugene allowed Armida to revel in the exceptional headache away." beauty of the scene for a time and then approached gently the subject nearest is heart. He did it clumsily enough, but with the utmost confidence that he would be successful in his suit.

"Miss Delaro," he said, hesitatingly, 'I have brought you here to tell you

something." Armida looked at him quizzingly, and aid: "It must be something of a very important nature if you found it necessary to bring me all the way here for the purpose of telling me."

"Yes, it is, indeed. I wanted to tell you that-I love you," he said. These were probably the very last words which Armida would have ex- West show and entered a private box pected to hear from his lips, and all at | which Mr. Blodger had already enonce she recognized that she had acted unwisely. In the next few seconds she accused herself of numberless unwise actions to which she had never given thought before. She blamed herself for | to a close. After it was over the originleading this young man on to such an extent and in a moment bitterly repented that she had not acted with more

discrition. All these thoughts were chasing each other with frightful rapidity through her mind, and she was trying to formulate a reply when Eugene "May I ever hope for some return of

my passion?" he asked. Still Armida denly took place near where they stood could not answer, though she knew that and two men could be seen struggling Eugene would in a few seconds misinterpret her meaning for a silent consent | years younger than the other and he if she did not speak.

At last, with an effort, she gathered



HERE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING."

thought has never entered my head. I admire you, respect you, but love youon-never.

"Then your actions have belied you." said Eugene, rudely. "If they have it has been contrary to

misled you." up, out you go. I'll have you fired "That is a pretty speech to make companions she ran towards the police- the hands of the law, I feel that I can have thought of that in the by-gone. crowd grasped the young man's arm months and not have deluded me," he and cried out: continued in a passionate manner, and Percy Lovel! You alive? In Heav-

told her how she had led him, by her en's name, what is the matter?" jured air of one who had been greatly his face in contact with Mrs. Delaro's, wronged. But it made no change in and shouted: "Do you recognize him?" Armida; she admitted the truth of his Did she? Ah, this was the supreme

not change her sentiments. Eugene pleaded, but his strenuous ef- with a tragic air, she exclaimed in joy- a short time in New York, and the peoforts were of no avail, and it was with ful accents: "Leon Velasquez! My ple at the house said he had accompahe went back to town. That night as | meet at last!"

Armida was tearfully relating the oc- if the words had been magic they SINGLE TAX DEPARTMENT. | manded by the illinois federation of latogether in another part of the city.

"I am convinced it is nothing but my poverty which keeps that girl from loving me; she is as proud as an old accused man, and was bearing him off Spanish countess, but I will humble her yet. You can count on me to lend all the assistance you require in securing that fortune which lies waiting for an owner, and the sooner we commence the better." So spake Eugene.

Persuasion had failed to destroy the young man's morals, but the greenvictory over his good intentions. "Now you are talking sense, my boy. a man ready to go to New York and I last!" know he will act fair and square and divide with us when the time comes. So the sooner you get that handwriting at all about you you can easily do it, asquez. and we must have the writing to carry the thing through." These were the

words which Eugene's answer elicited.

"Well, what do you propose to do?" "The first step will have to be taken by you," said Emerick, "but I will make a suggestion. The man who is to per- have so long mourned as dead." sonate Percy Lovel is an expert penman and can easily learn to sign his made a great mistake which need not | ineness of her welcome. sever your friendship. You will then and persuade that fat old Blodger, tion, or anywhere out of the way, and ately recognized it. you can stay to keep Mrs. Delaro company. If you do not make an opportunity during that time to get one of quite as active and smart as I think you | get it."

"Yes," replied Eugene. "That appears to be a feasible plan, and the east we can do is to give it a trial." So they parted on this understanding, little thinking under what auspices

their next meeting would take place.

CHAPTER XX. When Eugene next called on Armida he did as his father had suggested. He told her that he had made a great mistake and asked her permission to recontinue to improve himself under her tuition and guidance.

Armida gladly consented and he was once more welcomed to the Delaro cir-

pleasing and entrancing sight she had | He did not again see his father for ever beheld. As far as the eye could several days, and was therefore unable reach the waters of the Thames could to report but fortune favored his plans be seen winding through the valley and one afternoon when Eugene was feigning hard study with Armida, Mr. quiet river the hillsides were covered | Blodger came bouncing into the room with luxuriant foliage of the brightest | and announced that he was going to see the matinee performance at the Wild West show and invited them all to accompany him. Armida at once accepted the invitation and so did her mother, but Eugene made the excuse that his head

> "All the more reason why you should go," said Blodger. "It will drive your

Still Eugene would not be persuaded and Armida put it down to sulkiness. The excursion was not to be spoiled, however, by his refusal. Mrs. Delaro suggested that he should stay at home and "keep house," as she playfully termed it. This was exactly what Eugene wanted, and nothing could have suited him better. So he readily consented, and the party went out leaving him to act as he pleased.

Mr. Blodger was in his element. He took the little party through the American Exhibition; pointed out those things in which he was especially interested, and finally they reached the Wild gaged. The performance, so familiar to most Americans, commenced. Every thing went along pleasantly, and everybody was delighted, until the show came ator of it, Hon. Buffalo Bill, held one of his celebrated receptions, while the visitors interested themselves in examining the tents of the Indians, the bucking bronchos and all the paraphernalia

of the Wild West. At last when every thing had been seen Mr. Blodger and his party turned to go. As they did so a disturbance sudon the ground. The one seemed many was evidently holding on to the older man with an embrace which he intended her senses and replied: "Eugene, you should be lasting. With true English instinct the crowd gathered around the two men to see the fight, but when they noticed the disparity in age they mur- in the morning." mured: "Shame! Shame!" Still nobody tried to part them until a burly policeman pushed his way through the crowd

and endeavored to part the combatants. With the help of a bystander he raised | her. the struggling men to their feet, but still the younger man held on and would not loosen his hold.

"I will not let him go," he cried. The people thought him crazy. At first it seemed to be only a drunken squabble, but the onlookers soon noticed that each of the men were well dressed and then they knew that something more serious than a momentary quarrel must be the cause of the disturbance. The younger man who cried out so loudly was flushed and hot; his cheeks and

was pallid with the sickly hue of death. This was only the commencement of supposing that Julius Emerick and the trouble, however. The crowd had a Leon Velasquez were identical) crossed delectable treat in store for them. Mrs. | my path, and, as I had previously Delaro was about to retreat from the made up my mind that I would capture spot when she heard and recognized a him if he ever came within sight of voice she knew well. She at once me, I at once grasped him. The rest turned and raising her vail looked to- you know." ward where the burly policeman stood | Then they fell to talking of the many my intentions," replied the beautiful holding his two prisoners. There she useless efforts which they had made to girl. "I would not for the world have beheld a sight which made her heart capture the villain. "Now," said Mrs. leap for joy. Without a word to her Delaro, "that I know that he is safe in

assertions, but insisted that it could moment of years of anxiety and pentup hatred. Throwing her arms back a minute a day, which will amount to a heavy heart and a jealous mind that husband's murderer! Thank Heaven, we nied you."

currences of the evening to her mother, | could not have had a quicker or stronger Eugene and his father were closeted influence on the policeman. He was instantly awakened to the seriousness of the situation and in less time than it takes to write it he had manacled the

towards one of the offices, telling Mrs.

Delaro and Percy to follow him. Mr. Blodger, Armida, and Stepben Blodger, Jr., had immediately followed Mrs. Delaro to ascertain what the extraordinary movement on her mart meant, and as Mrs. Delaro followed the policeman, Armida drew near to her eyed monster had gained an easy and excitedly asked: "Mother, dear, what does all this mean?"

"It means, my child, that we have We will get to business at once. I have | run him to earth at last-oh, at last, at

"Whom do you mean?" "Hush child-the man who murdered your dear, dear father many years ago, the better. If you have any smartness | the man whom he trusted, Leon Val-

> Armida had almost forgotten that her father had been murdered, but this was no time for explanations, and Armida did not ask for one, but she did ask: "Who is that man walking on the left of the policeman, mother?" "Percy Lovel, my dear, whom we

Then, without any regard to appearances, the impetuous girl rushed after name like the Englishman, but you Percy, and shook his hands with a must get the copy; and the best means | heartiness that gave both him and her maintain your pleasant relations with have smothered Eugene's hopes forthe Delaros and tell Armida that you ever had he witnessed the deep genu-

A moment later the policeman took be speedily reinstated in your former his prisoner into the office, and Mrs. position with the family. Then some Delaro and her party followed. During afternoon-the sooner the better-try all the time the prisoner did not utter a word. He was allowed to sit down, whom you say is with them, to take and when once he raised his blanched, Armida and his fat boy to the exhibi- terror-stricken face, Armida immedi-

"Mother, that is Mr. Emerick; there must be some mistake.' "No mistake, my child. I know Leon that Englishman's letters you are not | Velasquez's face too well to ever for-Meantime, cabs had been ordered, and

the prisoner, accompanied by two policemen, entered one, while the others were occupied by the rest of the party, and they drove away from the immense crowd, which had gathered to the police station. The charge was entered, and Mrs. Delaro and Percy were instructed to appear next day and give their evidence against the prisoner.

The entire party then returned to the hotel together. Mr. Blodger, who was



"LEON VALASQUEZ! MY HUSBAND'S MUR-

hear the whole story, decided to accompany the party, and of course he had to take his heavy-weight son along with him.

When they were once more seated in one of the elegant suite of rooms which Mrs. Delaro occupied, Armida was the first to speak-

"Where is Mr. Bregy? Did he not say he would wait until we returned?" "Probably he felt too unwell to remain and went to his hotel," said her mother, but no sooner had she uttered the words than her maid came into the room crying and sobbing: "Oh, Mrs. Delaro, they have taken Mr. Bregy to Clair, Kane, McLean and Adams, that the police station, and there has been terrible trouble here."

Mrs. Delaro. As well as she could, in her excited state, the girl related how one of the urban counties of but 15 per cent. of porters, in passing the door which was slightly ajar, had seen Mr. Bregy standing over Miss Armida's writing desk trying to open it. The man watched him until he had opened it and when Mr. Bregy had his hat on ready to leave he rushed in and seized him. The porter naturally felt justified in placing this much accomplished the single him under arrest as he caught him with a bundle of Bank of England notes in

"Surely, there must be some horrible mistake about it all," said Armida. "There is no mistake at all, miss,"

said the garrulous girl, "for they have locked him up at the police station, and lie burdens Elgin would be preferred he will be taken before the magistrate

was determined to go and see Eugene; but as she could not go alone, she ac- that our proposed system would encourcepted Mr. Blodger's offer to accompany age manufactures to the same extent? While she was away on this errand

from the time he had left New York for | gaged?" South America up to the encounter at the Wild West Show. "For the past week," he proceeded, "I have been trying to find you. I have

sought you at most hotels and examined the register at the American Exchange, but could not secure any trace of you. "This afternoon I determined on indulging in a little recreation and attended the Wild West Show. Just as I neck were red as fast flowing blood was coming away, the man whom we could make them; but the older man were each looking for (though until recently I had no positive grounds for

"have been my true and devoted friend

"But where is our dear old friend, Mr. Wilcox?" asked Percy, who listened with surprise to these words.

the only friend upon whom we can rely

"Do you not know?" said Mrs. Delaro, opening her eyes with astonishment. "No." replied Percy. "I stayed only

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

THE SINGLE TAX BEFORE THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Letter of Warren Worth Bailey in The Standard.

question of appointing a special com- citizens of the great cities concealed mittee to inquire into the subject was their personal property and evaded most set for a hearing in the house. Our of their taxes, but the farmer and laborclub sent a delegation of five, consisting er paid more than their share. others had intended to go, but could not | revenue. under consideration.

were writing, still others were chatting | that is enough just at present. with neighbors or moving about the chamber. But Mr. White's first sentences and the voice in which he delivered them, very quickly commanded attention. The gentlemen who were derived from Rome, reached its full delooking over their mail laid it aside, velopment there in historic times. newspapers were folded up, writing When the future mistress of the world was suspended and conversations were first looms up, each citizen had his stopped abruptly. The faces of the little homestead plot, which was inscornful took on first a look of curiosity alienable, and the general domainand then one of thoughtful interest. In "the corn-land which was of public a little while nearly the whole body right"-was subject to common use, was intently listening, and I particular- doubtless under regulations or customs ly observed that none were more ab- which secured equality, as in the Teulegislators who wore upon them the air | from this public domain, constantly exof the farm

plained that we were not there to ad-

vocate the single tax, but to ask the ap-

pointment of a committee to investigate and report the facts from which might be drawn a conclusion as to the merit of the single tax system as compared with the present. Chicago's valuation, Mr. White declared, four years after the fire was \$306,000,000, in 1884 \$203,000,000, and last year \$190,000,000. This, the speaker maintained, would indicate that Chicago was growing foreign provinces, where land was given steadily poorer, something that was manifestly absurd. It was patent that the wealthy of this city were escaping taxation for obvious reasons. If a person went into any of the large houses and tried to justly levy an assessment | Philadelphia Record on the Single Tax. the word of the owner or his hirelings was all that could be secured. It was different with the farmer. His property could not be secreted and all his neighbors were taxed with some show of fairness. Mr. White showed in the local valuation in the six most populous counties in the state, Cook, Peoria, St. but 15 per cent. was personalty, whereas in the six least populous the person-"Taken Mr. Bregy to the police sta- alty amounted to 20 per cent. Mr. tion-why what do you mean?" asked | White contended that the repeal of the personalty taxes would relieve six rural counties of 20 per cent. and six their present burdens. The single tax advocates would also like to have the committee of investigation report in favor of local option in the matter of taxation, allowing each town to raise revenue for its own expenses in such manner as might be deemed best. With taxers would undertake to secure a trial of their plans, and in this way demonstrate their truth or fallacy. He cited two cities-Aurora and Elgin-by way of illustration, and held that if the former adheres to the present system and the latter relieves all industries of pubby manufacturers. "If this is true," inquired Mr. White in conclusion, "is it Still Armida could not believe it, and not an admission that the present system is a hindrance to production, and Do you wish to encourage or retard the development of the various en-Percy Lovel told Mrs. Delaro his story, terprises in which our citizens are en-

Mr. White was followed by President Labor, which, after a full discussion, had asked for the special committee, not because it was prepared to accept the single tax, but because it was ready to receive light from any and every source. "I can not say that I fully believe in single tax," said Mr. Harding, "but I can say that I believe it would

To you we owe every thing, and you are did. Such a committee was being de- landlordism.

bor. It was being petitioned for by the. single tax men of the state from Chicago to Cairo, and the single tax men, Mr. Brown assured the legislators, were a rapidly-growing class in the community. That something was wrong was undeniable and undenied. The burden rested The expediency of adopting the single | most heavily with the consumer in protax will be investigated by a committee portion to his consumption. This was of the Illinois legislature. This much making the rich richer and the poor we are sure of as the result of our trip poorer. It was ruining the farmer and to Springfield on Tuesday, when the the agricultural districts. The wealthy

of Messrs. John Z. White, Edward Os- When the committee of the whole good Brown, Herbert Darlington, Frank rose it recommended that the resolu-W. Irwin and W. W. Bailey. Several tions be referred to the committee on

get away. The single tax delegation "That gives you fellows a black eve." was reinforced by Mr. John C. Harding, said the representative of the Chicago president of the Illinois Federation of News when the result was announced, Labor, the whole crowd going down and so we felt at first. We had asked Monday night on the legislative train for a special committee, but instead of from this city. At Springfield they were giving us that the whole matter had joined by Messrs. Hill and Buchner, of been referred to the revenue committhe Peoria club, and a number of the tee, "and there it will sleep," was the local friends, who treated the visitors opinion of my journalistic friend. But very kindly during their short stay. this happened prior to the announce-The resolution calling for the appoint- ment of the house committees. When ment of the desired committee was in- this came our disappointment quickly troduced by Hon. John T. Norsworthy, vanished, for we found at the head of editor of the Carmi Partisan, and the the committee to which our petition had matter was in his hands. He had suc- been referred no less a personage than ceeded in having it made a special order Farmer James Cockrell who made and it was arranged that the house haste to assure us that he would do all should go into committee of the whole in his power to meet our wishes for an for its consideration. This was done investigation. "I have been studying immediately after the reading of the the single tax for four years," he said journal, on Mr. Norsworthy's motion, in his hearty and earnest way, "and I the republicans voting solidly against it. am anxious to learn more about it. The as they did when the questson was on present system of taxation is as rotten the adoption of the resolution itself. as hell and it ought to be wiped out al-Valuable assistance was lent to Mr. together. You must supply me with Norsworthy by Representatives May all the information at your command, and O'Donnell of Cook and Gehr of and as soon as possible I will arrange Peoria, and Speaker Crafts was obvi- to have you present your case in full. ously inclined in our favor. When the If it can be done I hope you will get house went into committee of the whole | Thomas G. Shearman to come out here Representative Craig was called to the and address us on the subject of taxachair, and then we were invited to ad- tion. He could do great good." As Mr. dress the house in behalf of the matter | Norsworthy is also a member of the committee we feel that the able gentle-John Z. White was the first speaker. | man who moved to have the question When he began his argument I noticed referred as it was rather than to a specthat at least a third of the members ial committee has been hoist of his own were engaged in anything but listening. | petard. In any event we will get the Some of them were reading, others most that we expected, a hearing, and

The idea of absolute individual prop erty in land, which modern civilization oed in following Mr. White than the tonic mark and Swiss allmend. It was tended by conquest, that the patrician Mr. White in opening his remarks ex- families succeeded in carving their great estates. These great estates by the power with which the great attracts the less, in spite of temporary checks by legal limitation and recurring divisions, finally crushed out all tle patrimonies to the latifundia of the enormously rich, while they themselves were forced into the slave gangs, became rent-paying colonii, or else to the veterans of the legions; or to the metropolis, to swell the ranks of the their votes.-Progress and Poverty.

The Philadelphia Record says that "Henry George's single tax ideas" have taken a strong hold upon the minds of those who give attention to economic discussion. The Record made a declaration a week or two ago that "no matter how taxes may be collected, a load is thereby laid on the back of thrift and industry," whereupon, "perhaps a dozen ready and forcible writers" sent in communications to the editor, telling him of a tax which would have exactly the opposite effect. Evidently an impression has been made, for the Record says it 'goes half way with the single taxers in believing * * * that land is the best basis of taxation;" but "it does not believe the single tax [presumably in the full acceptance of the term] would be either a feasible or desirable reform." The Record "regrets" that it has not room for one-tenth part of the literature on the subject which correspondents are anxious to have printed, which means that the Record does not desire either to continue the discussion or examine into the matter. We are sorry-for the Record. Meantime, however, it is striking giant blows for free trade, under the guise of tariff reform, which will do for the present.

The Natural Source of Revenue.

In a rude state of society where there is no need for common expenditure, there is no value attaching to land. The only value which attaches there is to things produced by labor. But as civilization goes on, as a division of labor takes place, as men come into centers, so do the common wants increase, and so does the necessity for public revenue Harding, on behalf of the Federation of arise. And so on in that value which attaches to land, not by reason of anything which the individual does, but by reason of the growth of the community, is a provision intended-we may safely say intended-to facet that social

THE duke of Bedford, who died recently, owned 118 acres of land in the very be a great improvement upon the sys- heart of London, and over 156 square tem now in vogue. No man will deny miles, or 100,000 acres of agricultural that taxes now fall heaviest on those lands. His income from both sources least able to bear them, nor will any was said to be over \$4,000,000 a year. one maintain that these taxes do not On his London estates his tenants had hamper, discourage and retard industry. erected some 30,000 buildings of every The single tax promise relief from ob- description, and a large number of vious and terrible evils, and I am there- these had, by expiration of leases, before here to urge upon the legislature come the property of the duke. So that the duty of giving the new method the he was probably the largest house ownfairest and fullest investigation." er in England. The famous Covent Mr. Brown closed the argument in Garden market was on the duke's propfavor of the appointment of the com- erty, and the ownership of this carried mittee in an admirable speech that held with it the right to levy tolls on every the attention of the house. He said he cart approaching within a quarter of a right out into the street, bag and bagnow," said Eugene. "You ought to man and elbowing her way through the spend the closing days of my life in thought no more important question mile of the market, as well as the prorest and peace. You, Percy," she said, would or could be presented to the Leg-duce sold in the market. From these islature than the most expedient and tolls he derived an income of over \$100,all through and will not leave me now. just method of raising the revenues for | 000 a year. As a man he was reserved governmental purposes. Government and eccentric, and took no part in pubhad but two duties-to raise sufficient lie affairs. The man who succeeds him. revenue, and to spend it for proper pur- the present Lord Travistock, is not poses. The single taxers simply desired much better. The old duke did as to have a legislative committee investi- much to make landlordism odious as gate the best means of performing one probably any land owner in the world. of these duties. They were not asking He was rapacious and grasping to the the legislature to-day to indorse their last degree, and took every advantage ideas, but only to name a that law allowed him to take; but, special committee, before which while his tenants suffered, the comthey would promise to present munity at large have gained in having their reasons for believing as they so conspicuous a "bad example" of

PITH AND POINT.

-"What experience as an electrical expert have you had?" "I've been

struck by lightning." -Tom-"It pays to buy a good watch." Jack-"Yes, you can get all the more on it when you come to pawn it."-Yankee Blade.

-Fussy (savagely)-"I ordered a ham sandwich twenty minutes ago!" Waiter -"Well, boss, it takes some time to cook a ham."—Harper's Bazar.

-"What's the matter with that man?" "He fell in a fit," "Where?" "In Fitter's tailor shop." "That's strange. . I could never get a fit there."-Yankee

-Even in Florida.-Henry-"Don't you think Stella has a beautiful complexion?" May-"Yes; I selected it for her myself before we left New York." -Bostonian. -Sarcasm is an effective weapon, but

it acts like a boomerang when it is ap-

plied to his landlady by the young man who is two weeks behind in paying his board.—Somerville Journal. -"See here, doctor, you told me to avoid any sudden excitement." "So I did; it's likely to be fatal to you."

"Then why, sir, did you send your bill to me yesterday?"-Fliegende Blatter. -There is a deaf and dumb woman in New York who has no mother. At least we infer that to be the case from the fact that she has had six husbands,

Siftings. -An Implied Refusal.-Harry-"Did she positively refuse you?" Jack (dejectedly)-"Not exactly. When I asked her if she ever thought of marrying, she said she had never yet had a man

and is only thirty-six years old.-Texas

ask her about it."-Epoch. -Tommy-"Can we play at keeping a store in here, mamma?" Mamma (who has a headache)-"Certainly, but you must be very, very quiet." Tommy-"Well, we'll pretend we don't ad-

vertise."-Art in Advertising. -On the Avenue. - The Count-What an unpatriotic lot your young fellows are! They seem to forget that they are Americans." Miss Babbidge-"Oh, with them it's not so much for-

getfulness as absence of mind."-Jury. -Smithly-"Here, Stickler, what is the reason you do not 'tend to your business?" Stickler-"Why, I do strictly." The Decadence of the Roman Empire "But it seems that you are always nosing around into other people's business." "Well, that is my business."-

-Her One Charm,-Mr. Blight-"At least one thing can be said of Miss Hoamleigh. She is very considerate of other people's feelings." Miss Spight-'That is very true. She always wears a thick veil when she goes out."-Chicago Times.

-What was Terrible?-Mrs. Hicks -"I had a terrible dream last night. dear?" Mrs. Hicks-"I dreamed that you were dead. Then I woke up and found it was only a dream. Oh, it was terrible!"-Yankee Blade.

-On the Improve. - Fond Grandmother - "Understand Spanish? Speak French and German? What a talented little lady you are, to be sure!" The the small proprietors, adding their lit- Little Lady (grandly)-"Yes: and my governess says that after awhile I may speak English correctly."-Puck.

-Dedbroke-"It's no use denying that times are hard. I tested the matter were driven into the freshly conquored | thoroughly this morning." Jackson-"How?" Dedbroke-"I accosted a dozen prominent citizens whom I met on the street and asked each one for the loan proletariat who had nothing to sell but of five dollars for a short time only. Would you believe that not one of the twelve had that paltry sum in his pocket?"-Harper's Bazar.

A JAPANESE RECLUSE.

He Separates Himself from His Kind, Yet Continues to Enjoy Life. The owner of the farm-house had inherited it from his father. There was nothing very odd about this, even to our other-world notions of property, except that the father was still living, as hale and hearty as you please, in a little den at the foot of the garden. He was, in short, what is known as an inkyo, or one "dwelling in retirement"-a singular state, composed of equal parts of this world and the next; like dying in theory, and then undertaking to live on in practice. For an inkyo is a man who has formally handed in his

midst of it. He has abdicated in favor of his eldest son, and having put off all responsibilities, is filially supported in a life of ease and pleasure. In spite of being no longer in society, the father was greedily social. As soon as he heard a foreigner had arrived he trotted over to call, and nothing would

do but I must visit his niche early in the

morning, before going away.

resignation to the community, and yet

continues to exist most enjoyably in the

After breakfast, therefore, the son duly came to fetch me, and we started off through the garden. For his sire's place of retirement lay away from the road, toward the river, that the dear old gentleman might command a view of the peaks opposite of one of which, called the Etchiu Fuji from its conical form, he was dotingly tond.

The worthy virtuoso, as he was, met us at the door, and escorted us upstairs to see his treasures. The room was tapestried with all manner of works of art, of which he was justly proud, while the house itself stood copied from a Chinese model, for he was very classic. But I was pleased to find that above all his heart was given to the view. It was shared, as I also discovered, by the tea ceremonies, in which he a was proficient; such a mixture is man. But I believe the view to have been the deeper affection. While I was admiring it, he fetched from a cupboard a very suspicious-looking bottle of what turned out to be honey, and pressed a glass of it upon me. I duly sipped this not inappropriate liquor, since cordials savor of asceticism, and this one, being of natural decoction, peculiarly befitted a secular anchorite. Then I took my leave of one who, though no longer in the world, was still so charmingly

The good soul claimed to be a widower, but such bereavement is no necessary preliminary to becoming a "dweller in retirement." Sometimes a man enters the inkyo state while he still has with him the helpmate of his youth, and the two go together to this aftermath of life. Surely a pretty return this of the honeymoon! Darby and Joan starting once more hand in hand, alone in this Indian summer of their love, as they did years ago in its springtide, before other generations of their own had pushed them on to less romantic parts: Darby come back from paternal cares to be once more the lover, and Joan from mother and grandam again become his girl .-Percival Lowell, in Atlantic.